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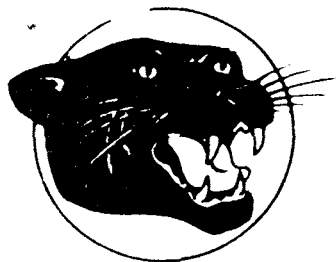
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers will be seeking their first Gateway Conference victory when they host traditional rival Illinois State University in a Homecoming contest Saturday (October 12).

Kickoff is 1:30 in O'Brien Stadium. This is the 75th meeting between these two teams with ISU holding a 38-28-8 edge.

The Panthers are 2-3 overall after losing to Kansas, 44-20, last Saturday in Lawrence. EIU is 0-1 in the Gateway following a 42-13 loss at Southern Illinois two weeks ago.

Illinois State, which was ranked No. 8 in NCAA I-AA rankings a week ago is 1-1-1 in conference play but suffered its first loss, also at Southern Illinois, 21-0 last Saturday. The Redbirds are 3-1-1 overall.

"This is the first of four straight home games, three of which are conference games, so if we're to challenge in the Gateway we need to start off this homestand with a victory," said coach Al Molde.

It could prove to be another high scoring contest as EIU has been averaging nearly four touchdowns per game while Illinois State was scoring 25 points a game prior to the SIU shutout.

However it will be a veteran ISU offensive unit vs. a young EIU group as the Redbirds have seven senior starters compared to none for the Panthers.

***** GAME NOTES *****

THE GAME: Eastern Illinois University (2-3, 0-1) hosts Illinois State University (3-1-1, 1-1-1) at 1:30 CDT, Saturday, Oct. 12, O'Brien Stadium, Charleston

RADIO: All the action can be heard on 50,000 watt WLBH-FM, 97 on the dial . . . Ken Wooddell calls play-by-play with Doug Bock providing commentary . . . pregame begins with the Al Molde show at 1:15.

COACHES: EIU's Al Molde, in his third season, is 17-11 here, 91-53-6 overall (62.7%) in 15 years . . . he has had 11 winning seasons and four NCAA playoff teams coaching at Sioux Falls College, Minn-Morris and Central Missouri.

ISU's Bob Otolowski, in his fifth season, is 19-27-2 as a head coach, all at ISU . . . a 1960 graduate of Indiana Central, he previously was an assistant at Indiana.

SERIES: ISU leads the series, 38-28-8, however the Panthers have narrowed the gap of late . . . EIU has won five of the last seven contests . . . prior to that streak, though, ISU claimed ten of the 11 games.

HOMECOMING MATCHUP: Eastern will be trying to even its Homecoming series record with ISU . . . long one of the favorite opponents for this annual game, the Panthers trail ISU

HOMEcomings MATCHUP: Eastern will be trying to even its Homecoming series record with ISU . . . long one of the favorite opponents for this annual game, the Panthers trail ISU, 7-8-4, in Homecoming contests . . . Illinois State won the first matchup, 20-7, in 1920 . . . EIU won the most recent, 31-14, in 1980.. .ironically, all four ties have been scoreless.

OVERALL HOMEcomings RECORD: EIU is still 'in the hole' in Homecoming tilts as its record is 28-33-7 dating back to the first game in 1915 . . . prior to last year's 48-40 loss to SIU, though, Eastern had won six straight times.

EIU vs. ISU in '84: Illinois State outlasted the Panthers, 34-21, as now graduated QB John Coppens threw three TD passes . . . EIU's Sean Payton was 24-43-4 for 345 yards.. . Roy Banks earned league 'offensive player of the week' honors with seven catches for 154 yards including a 73 yard TDcatch.

ISU FACTS: The Redbirds, who were picked fifth in a league preseason poll, have shown the prognosticators they are a team on the move. . . early season wins over Western Illinois (18-6), Wayne State (17-2) and Central Florida (48-21) has them bidding for their second winning season in the last three years . . . they have tied Southwest Missouri (17-17) and then the lone loss at SIU . . . the offense is led by RB Stephon Wilson who is averaging 93 yards p/game . . . senior QB Steve Stull, who replaced record breaker John Coppens, has thrown for 645 yards and one TD pass so the Redbirds like to keep it on the ground . . . kicker Paul Politi is the scoring leader with 38 points and needs just six to become ISU's point leader . . . he already has 33 career field goals which is a record . . . the defense is led by LBBrian Gant who has 48 tackles, including seven for loss and three QB sacks . . . he was the Gateway defensive 'player of the week' two weeks ago . . . the Redbirds are also getting four sacks p/game which poses a problem for EIU's passing game . . . the sack leader is 6-3, 235 middle guard Bob Kampf who has 4½.

BANKS BOUNCES BACK: After being shutout for the first time in his career at SIU, WR Roy Banks (Detroit-King) came back strong catching 11 passes for 134 yards to earn the team's top offensive honor last week . . . Banks now has taken over the team lead with 34 receptions and is closing in on the yardage lead with 413 . . . Calvin Pierce (Oak Lawn Richards) has 33 catches for a team high 470 yards.

LOOOOONG GAMES: If records were kept for the longest games, the Panthers of '85 would certainly be challenging it . . . two of the first five have exceeded three hours in length and the average is 3:10.

ARAPOSTATHIS STREAKING: After making just two of his first seven field goal attempts, EIU's all-purpose kicker, senior Evan Arapostathis (LaMesa, CA-Helix/Grossmount CC), has booted four straight . . . included was a 50-yarder at SIU and a 47yarder at Kansas.

PASS HAPPY PANTHERS: While EIU is stressing a more balanced offense behind the rushing of DuWayne Pitts (Detroit-MacKenzie), 93.4 yards p/game rushing, don't be mistaken that the Panthers don't still live and die by the pass . . . last year they averaged 46 passes a game and are running, make that passing, a bit ahead this year with 48 pass attempts p/game.

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GATEWAY CONFERENCE:	GC	Points	Overall	Points
Northern Iowa	2-0	86-31	4-1	142-78
Illinois State	1-1-1	35-44	3-1-1	100-67
Southwest Missouri	1-1-1	74-83	4-1-1	211-147
Southern Illinois	2-1	91-53	3-3	185-112
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-1	13-42	2-3	131-151
Western Illinois	0-2	20-66	1-3	95-124

OPPONENTS THIS WEEK: Northeast Missouri (2-2) at Missouri-Rolla
Indiana State (2-3) at Northern Iowa (4-1)
Saginaw Valley (2-3) at Northwood Institute
Southern Illinois (3-3) is idle
Kansas (4-1) at Iowa State
Southwest Missouri (4-1-1) is idle
Western Illinois (1-3) hosts Northern Michigan (4-1)
Western Kentucky (1-4) at Central Florida

COACH MOLDE SAYS: "Until we wore down in the second half, our defense played Kansas tough so we're encouraged by what we saw in the first half out there ... some of our younger players are starting to give us some depth and appear ready to help us out defensively . . . Illinois State has a veteran club on offense and that will be a real challenge for our players but if we can sustain that first half effort we displayed at Kansas then I'm confident of our abilities against anyone remaining on the schedule . . . offensively, we need to maintain our composure and eliminate the breakdowns we've had recently. . . I'm still very much pleased with the progress made by our offensive line ... we gained 390 yards at Kansas and I thought we deserved all of that."

EIU TWO-DEEPS: OFFENSE

SE - 1 Charlie Williams (6-1, 180, Jr.)	80 Willie Cain (6-0, 180, Jr.)
LT - 78 Chris Geile (6-5, 295, Jr.)	56 Barry Wolfe (6-2, 265, Sr.)
LG - 72 Mark Petersen (6-3, 245, So.)	66 Bob Benning (6-0, 235, Jr.)
C - 76 Sean O'Brien (6-1, 270, Fr.)	65 Mike Hurley (6-0, 235, Sr.)
RG - 69 Jim Miteff (6-0, 230, Sr.)	63 Dave Popp (6-6, 240, Fr.)
RT - 62 Steve Bonnes (6-3, 255, Jr.)	68 Chris Severson (6-3, 260, Sr.)
TE - 32 Shon McCray (6-2, 240, So.)	82 Darrell Crowe (6-2, 225, Jr.)
QB - 18 Sean Payton (6-1, 200, Jr.)	10 John Rafferty (6-2, 190, Jr.)
RB - 20 DuWayne Pitts (5-9, 175, So.)	7 James Marable (5-9, 175, Fr.)
SB - 21 Calvin Pierce (6-1, 200, Jr.)	15 Scott Sanderson (6-2, 205, Jr.)
FL - 2 Roy Banks (6-0, 190, Jr.)	24 Kevin Hunter (5-9, 165, So.)

DEFENSE

LE - 85 Tom Moskal (6-2, 250, Sr.)	67 John Jurkovic (6-1, 260, Fr.)
NG - 92 Aaron Thomas (5-11, 245, Sr.)	57 Jeff Rolson (6-0, 260, Fr.)
RE - 93 Carl Parker (5-11, 225, So.)	96 Scott Pilkerton (6-0, 220, Jr.)
OLB - 54 Rick Ziemann (5-11, 210, Jr.)	58 Chris Nelson (6-1, 195, So.)
ILB - 59 Bill Cochrane (6-1, 240, So.)	53 Dan Polewski (6-1, 230, Jr.)
ILB - 40 Derick Wilhelms (6-2, 220, So.)	51 Jeff Mills (6-1, 205, Fr.)
OLB - 99 Rod Mathis (6-3, 215, Jr.)	98 Mel Black (6-2, 235, So.)
LC - 48 Ed Nailon (5-11, 190, Sr.)	9 Greg Rhea (5-8, 170, Jr.)
RC - 14 Brian Newby (6-1, 185, Sr.)	23 Barry Gravenhorst (5-9, 175, So.)
SS - 42 Bob Bronaugh (5-10, 190, Jr.)	4 David Swingler (5-11, 170, Fr.)
FS - 22 Darius Shavers (5-8, 160, Jr.)	12 Scott Johnson (6-4, 185, Fr.)

Punter, Kickoffs, Placement - 8 Evan Arapostathis (5-9, 165, Sr.)

Punt Returns - 2 Roy Banks (6-0, 180, Jr.)

KO Returns - 23 Barry Gravenhorst (5-9, 175, So.), 7 James Marable (5-9, 175, Fr.)

1985 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS (2-3)

<u>RUSHING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>P/CARRY</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
DuWayne Pitts	5	103	485	18	467	93.4	4.7	2	29(SVS)
Sean Payton	5	40	60	114	-54	-	-	2	12(ISU)
Shon McCray	5	1	2	-	2	0.5	2.0	-	2(NEMO)
James Marable	3	23	147	-	147	49.0	6.4	1	18(ISU)
John Rafferty	2	1	4	-	4	2.0	4.0	-	4(KU)
Bob Bronaugh	5	1	2	-	2	0.4	2.0	-	2(KU)
EIU TOTALS	5	169	700	132	568	113.6	3.4	5	29(SVS)
OPP TOTALS	5	219	1174	132	1042	208.4	4.7	10	45(ISU)

<u>PASSING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CPL</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>P/CPL</u>	<u>P/ATT</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Sean Payton	5	126	234	11	1449	.538	289.8	11.5	6.2	9	61(SVS)
John Rafferty	2	6	8	0	59	.750	29.5	9.8	7.4	-	23(KU)
EIU TOTALS	5	132	242	11	1508	.545	301.6	11.4	6.2	9	61(SVS)
OPP TOTALS	5	74	155	6	1013	.477	202.6	13.7	6.5	10	78(NEMO)

<u>PASS RECEIVING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>P/CATCH</u>	<u>P/GAME</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TEAM TOTALS</u>	<u>EIU</u>	<u>OPP</u>
Calvin Pierce	5	33	470	14.2	94.0	2	61(SVS)	First Downs	114	109
DuWayne Pitts	5	31	214	6.9	42.8	-	24(SIU)	By Rush	41	60
Roy Banks	5	34	413	12.1	82.6	4	44(ISU)	By Pass	68	40
Charles Williams	5	12	161	13.4	32.2	3	32(NEMO)	By Penalty	5	9
Willie Cain	3	2	28	14.0	9.3	-	14(NEMO, SVS)	TOTAL OFF.	2076	2055
Shon McCray	5	12	127	10.6	25.4	-	21(SIU)	Per Game	415.2	411.0
Scott Sanderson	5	4	71	17.7	14.2	-	29(SVS)	Tot. Plays	411	374
James Marable	3	1	-3	-	-	-	44(ISU)	Yds. P/Play	5.0	5.5
Charlie Vinson	2	3	27	9.0	13.5	-	11(KU)	PEN/YDS	38/305	29/310
EIU TOTALS	5	132	1508	11.4	301.6	9	44(ISU)	FUM/LOST	9/6	17/11
								POSS.	153:01	146:59

<u>PUNTING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>RET</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>NET AVE</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Evan Arapostathis	5	29	1202	41.4	164	1038	35.8	73(SIU)
Team	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	5	30	1202	40.1	164	1038	34.6	73(SIU)
OPP TOTALS	5	33	1302	39.4	58	1244	37.7	70(SVS)

<u>RETURNS</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Barry Gravenhorst	5	8	122	15.2	-	23(KU)	-	-	-	-	-
Calvin Pierce	5	2	29	14.5	-	23(NEMO)	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin Hunter	5	8	156	19.5	-	24(NEMO)	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Banks	5	-	-	-	-	-	10	50	5.0	-	7(NEMO, ISU)
Dan Polewski	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	8.0	-	8(SIU)
James Marable	3	3	57	19.0	-	31(KU)	-	-	-	-	-
EIU TOTALS	5	22	364	16.5	-	31(KU)	11	58	5.3	-	8(SIU)
OPP TOTALS	5	11	155	14.1	-	58(KU)	12	164	13.7	1	63(SIU)

<u>SCORING</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PAT/K</u>	<u>PAT/R-P</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>SAF</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Charlie Williams	5	3	-	-	-	-	18
Roy Banks	5	4	-	1	-	-	26
Sean Payton	5	2	-	-	-	-	12
DuWayne Pitts	5	2	-	-	-	-	12
Evan Arapostathis	5	-	11-14	-	6-11	-	29
Derick Wilhelms	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
Bob Bronaugh	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
James Marable	3	1	-	-	-	-	6
Calvin Pierce	5	2	-	1	-	-	14
Team	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
EIU TOTALS	5	16	11-14	2-2	6-11	1	131 (26.2 ppg)
OPP TOTALS	5	21	19-20	0-1	2-4	-	151 (30.2 ppg)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>SACKS</u>	<u>TFL</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>INT/YDS/TD</u>	<u>BLOCKS/DEFLECTIONS</u>			
									<u>FG</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>PASS</u>	<u>PUNT</u>
Rob DeVita	4	10	26	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Derick Wilhelms	5	12	34	1	-	-	-	1/35/1	-	-	-	-
Tom Moskal	5	8	37	3	3½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bob Bronaugh	5	14	31	-	-	-	2	3/80/1	-	-	5	-
Jon Moore	4	8	8	1½	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Darius Shavers	5	16	21	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aaron Thomas	4	4	14	½	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carl Parker	5	1	21	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melvin Black	3	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
Rod Mathis	5	14	9	-	5½	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Bill Cochrane	5	5	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Newby	5	4	13	-	½	1	1	1/0/0	-	-	2	-
Ed Nailon	5	5	10	-	-	1	1	1/0/0	-	-	-	-
Greg Rhea	5	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Scott Pilkerton	5	2	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dave Lewandowski	4	2	13	1½	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Barry Gravenhorst	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Rolson	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rick Ziemann	3	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Mills	4	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Johnson	3	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dave Swingler	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dean Magro	3	2	9	-	1½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dean Polewski	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derold Walls	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Nelson	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Jurkovic	2	1	2	½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Borchardt	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

KEY: T - Tackles AT - Assisted Tackles TFL - Tackles for Loss FF - Forced Fumbles FR - Fumble Recoveries

1985 RESULTS (2-3)

24 31 at Northeast Missouri (5000 est) 3:34 time
 39 7 INDIANA STATE (9665) 2:55 time
 35 27 SAGINAW VALLEY (5016) 2:56 time
 13 42 at Southern Illinois (11,200) 2:55 time
 20 44 at Kansas (37,500) 3:28 time